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Office of the Chief
Regulatory Branch

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
ATTN: Mr. Ivan Makil
Route 1, Box 216
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256-9722

File Number: UA002-92

Dear Mr. Makil:

The Corps of Engineers has yet to receive a response to our letter dated September 22, 1992, requesting confirmation that the final design work for the intended protection of the Tri-city landfill has been initiated. Your letter of June 18, 1992 indicated that this necessary final design work will be commenced no later than August 30, 1992. Again, the Indian Community is requested to provide confirmation that work on this crucial phase is in progress, as promised. The Indian Community is reminded of the critical nature of this issue, necessitating the construction of adequate protection, in a timely manner. Failure to promptly address this issue may result severe erosion of the unprotected landfill.

While you are attempting to fulfill your commitment to the Corps, it is suggested that you consider developing an interim contingency plan which can be readily implemented in the event of a significant flow of the Salt River. This contingency plan should focus on minimizing the erosion potential of the exposed faces of the landfill(s) while not interfering with the intended permanent protective measures.

Again, we are concerned about the Indian Community's less than timely response in verifying that the design work for the permanent protection of the landfill is in progress. Delays in providing the level of protection necessary is not in the best interest of the Indian Community, nor the general public downstream of your landfill facility.

Your cooperation in timely addressing this issue is appreciated. If you have questions, please contact Ron Fowler at (602) 640-5385.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

John A. Gill
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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Enclosure

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IMPACTS

- SINCE THEY ARE MINOR (BOTH VIOLATION & ACREAGE) THE COE IS TAKING A LESS OF AN AGGRESSIVE STANDS

- DISCHARGES HAVE NOT BEEN RESOLVED

- MATERIAL WAS IN AN "HIGHLY ERODABLE AREA" & THE MATERIAL MAY BE ALREADY GONE.

- \$500,000 RECONSTRUCTION STUDY

- A MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MID JANUARY (INFORMAL)

THE PROBLEM

- WHERE'S THE RESTORATION PLAN

- IF THERE'S A PROBLEM WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP!

DISCUSSION W/ FRANK

NO FUTURE ACTION! *

ADDITIONAL ACTION

- REBUILD THE ROAD (COE HAS SAID NO UNTIL CONCERNS ARE ADDRESS)

- GARY HAS GIVEN HOI AUTHORIZATION

* - PROCESS OF CLOSING THE LANDFILL (MAY NOT SEEK APPROVAL)